

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA

rapidly, with a very high mortality rate. The great epidemic of 1927 counted twenty-five thousand victims. There was another particularly bad period from 1874 to 1877. Prisons were found to be excellent incubators, and the numerous canal population of Cochm-QiiBa were very - efficient transmitters. Annamite villages are still pretty oblivious to hygiene, but the government is making more and more efforts to improve sanitary conditions. Training in hygienic is the most effective way of combating these epidemics. Skin diseases and rheumatism come principally from working too many hours in the wet mud of the rice-fields. Beriberi, a disease caused by a poor diet, has been controlled by improving the method of husking rice. Leprosy is also more under control through the use of new : three thousand lepers are now cared for in thirteen asylums. But many such cases are never declared, since it means the enforced of families. More scattered, semi-normal leper villages would better with this socio-medical problem.

Improving sanitary conditions by an inspection of markets, ships, *mid* drinking water in the towns has made more than in the rural districts. An insistence upon the immediate of deaths helps trace the origin of disease swiftly.

Free of natives at clinics and migratory ambulance units encourage

In building emphasis has been laid on the of proper house sites. Marshy regions must be avoided, as as river where the natives are prone to build, and the ligjbt air in be increased. The usual native home is small, smoke to drive out the mosquitoes. The people are under-nourished, and any calamity places them peri-to The average rice diet is inadequate for men labour, the average Annamite consumes no more

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